

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 4th Parade Carries Olympic Theme

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July 4th Parade Chairman Doug Chadwick is praying for good weather Thursday as he and his committee put the finishing touches on Duxbury's 104th annual Parade.

The veteran parade volunteer, who has worked 3 years as chairman and 6 as a committee member, said this year's plans have come off without a hitch since a lot of new volunteer help assisted in the planning effort.

Anita Haffey will serve as Parade Marshal for this year's parade, which bears an Olympic theme, "The World Comes to America." Haffey, who was recognized earlier this year as a *Duxbury Clipper* Citizen of the Year, is a member of the Beach Preservation Society and volunteer for a number of other causes, including the Pine St. Inn shelter for the homeless.



Behind Haffey's vehicle will be an open-empty vehicle to honor the late Brian Connolly, as an honorary marshal. Brian served as parade chairman for several years before succumbing to cancer last year. His wife and 4 children will be on hand for the parade.

Chadwick said he is excited about this year's parade, which boasts 10 marching units, 10 bands, 10 floats, and many walking units.

As of Tuesday, Chadwick was holding out hope that Governor Weld might make an appearance in the parade, joining a throng of other local and state politicians scheduled to march.

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Parade booklets carrying merchant ads and decorated for the Olympic themes by 4th grade art students will be handed out along the route.

Prizes will be awarded for maxi floats: \$500, \$350, and \$100; and mini floats, \$150 and \$75.

Chadwick worked with a budget of about \$14,500 to put together this year's parade, which includes several large marching units.

Duxbury's Fourth of July parade will start at 2 at Hall's Corner. Marchers will continue down Washington St., past Snug Harbor, turning left at the flagpole on St. George St. and continue to the high school.

Bands include the Quebec Drum and Bugle Corps, the York Lions Steel Band and the Rhythmic Drum and Bugle Corps from Canada. DHS Marching Band, the South Shore Bay Band and the Holly Stevens quartet will also entertain the estimated 12,000 to 15,000 parade goers along the 2 mile route.

About 20 marching units will include the Air Force, Army, and Marine Corps, and Civil and Revolutionary War units.

Tinkertown and Holy Family Church are among the churches and organizations planning float entries.

Scouts, antique autos, fire companies, clowns, horses and other units will also participate.

Parade goers will be collecting contributions toward the Margery Parcher Fund which supports the parade effort. Tax deductible contributions can also be sent to the Selectmen's Office, c/o Town Hall, Duxbury, 878 Tremont St., Duxbury, MA 02332.

Rain date for the parade is Saturday, July 6, at 2 pm.